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50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ASSEMBLY  
OF GOD CHURCH

**HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 4, 1997*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in this hallowed Chamber to share with my colleagues the joyful news of the 50th anniversary of the Assembly of God church in Center Moriches, Long Island. We in the Long Island community are blessed and honored to have among our community of God for the past 50 years this proud Christian congregation.

Since even before its founding, America has been a home for those seeking safe haven to pursue their religious beliefs. Because of that, America has long been fertile ground for men and women who labor in the work of the Lord. This is what Christians from New York's Russian/Ukrainian community learned when they came to Center Moriches after World War II, to minister to home prayer groups in this seaside South Shore village. With God's blessings, these groups grew quickly and a church building was purchased on Canal Street. The Christ Church of the Full Gospel, under the leadership of Reverend Suhanoff, was founded in 1947.

Under the pastorate of Leonard Burket, the congregation built a new church, celebrating the first Christmas in its new home in 1973. During Pastor Burket's leadership, the assembly started work on the Sunshine Nursery School in 1974 and, in 1982, established the Center Moriches Christian School. After Pastor Burket died on May 17, 1988, his congregation honored his lifetime of good work in their community by renaming the school the Leonard E. Burket Christian School.

In recent years, the Assembly of God Center Moriches joined with the New Creation Assembly of God, a community of believers formed 7 years earlier in Mount Sinai. Dedicated to their faith, New Creation Assembly of God members worshipped together in a succession of private homes, local theaters, area churches, and a dance studio. None of this deterred their faith, while midweek services were instituted, a youth group was formed and men's and women's ministries met on a regular basis.

In 1994, the two congregations forged a permanent bond when New Creation Pastor Dominick Scibetta became a candidate for the pastorate of the Assembly of God Center Moriches. His decision to take the new position set into motion the work that eventually merged the two churches in 1995. The first joint service between the two congregations was held on the first Sunday in July 1994.

For the past 50 years, Assembly of God congregants have given so much of their time, talents, and resources to provide physical and spiritual sustenance to their community. In so doing, they have brought the Gospel message to life for all of us on Long Island who are privileged to witness their work. May God continue to bless the Assembly of God and its entire congregation.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BULL-  
HEAD CITY LITTLE LEAGUE JUN-  
IOR LEAGUE ALL STARS

**HON. BOB STUMP**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 4, 1997*

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, for the third year in a row, the Bullhead City Little League Junior League are the champions of the Little League Baseball District 9 Tournament and Arizona State Tournament. Although they did not claim the Division Four Tournament title, these All Stars worked hard and were victorious in representing Arizona. The State of Arizona has great pride in these super achievers and they are all champions in our eyes.

Congratulations to the All Stars: Kenny Bower, Justin Brown, Nick David, Justin Fleminks, Danny Eaton, Duke MacArthur, Logan Fovargue, Emilion Marin, Adrian Miranda, Jose Orozco, Chad Ramsey, Alan Rivera, Dillon Wheller, and Willie White. Their success was led by their team manager, Don Seaton and their coaches, Stu MacArthur and Ken Bower.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 1997 Arizona District 9 champions, Arizona State champions for their remarkable achievements this season. I wish them the best of luck in all their endeavors. The entire State of Arizona will cheer you on to your next success.

THE DAY OF CARING

**HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 4, 1997*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to make note of a wonderful humanitarian event taking place in Orange County, NY. September 10, 1997, has been designated the Day of Caring by the Orange County United Way. It is on this special day that local volunteers will use their valuable time in assisting health and human service agencies in tending to the serious social problems our Nation has come face to face with. Not 1 second of this charitable donation of time will go unused as participants will be necessary in performing a large number of much needed tasks. Among the worthwhile activities scheduled are feeding the hungry, delivering meals to the homebound, working on repair projects, and helping out children, the homeless, elderly, and disabled. Collections of food, clothing, and toys will also be undertaken.

The Day of Caring is an incredibly important step in strengthening our communities. I remind you that this is a volunteer effort, as it should be, because making the lives of our neighbors and friends better is a priority we cannot neglect. I commend the people of Orange County and urge my colleagues to support similar programs throughout our Nation.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 4, 1997*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, it is now our second day back from the August break. As I stated yesterday, these next 2 months are our last opportunity to pass meaningful campaign finance reform. We all know that next year will be an election year and passage of reform legislation will not only be politically impossible it will be difficult to change the campaign rules in the middle of our own reelection campaigns.

In July three former Presidents, George Bush, Jimmy Carter, and Gerald Ford, called for a ban on soft money contributions. The Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act bans soft money and it enacts more stringent contribution disclosure requirements for candidates and independent groups. Our constituents want us to enact meaningful campaign finance reform, and we are being denied the opportunity to vote on this important issue.

Last night Mr. Speaker was a perfect opportunity to begin the debate on campaign finance reform. We finished voting by 6:30 p.m. Every member was present and available to participate in debate and take a vote on finance reform. This morning a subcommittee on the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee met and considered legislation, but not campaign finance reform legislation. Why, Mr. Speaker, have you not scheduled campaign finance reform for a vote? When will the members of Congress get an opportunity to follow the lead of Presidents Bush, Carter, and Ford and vote on an end to soft money?

A TRIBUTE TO TRAVIS LIEU, JOSH  
AND TOM GARVIE

**HON. DAVE CAMP**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 4, 1997*

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a trio of brave young men who acted selflessly and heroically to save the life of 13-year-old Jessica Doherty of Gladwin County, MI, as she suffered a near-fatal asthma attack.

As reported by the Gladwin County Record, 15-year-old Travis Lieu and 12-year-old Josh Garvie had just left Beaverton, Michigan's Gem Theater August 19 when Jessica Doherty began to suffer a serious asthma attack. The boys alerted the girl's mother, who drove them to the hospital. On the way, however, young Jessica began gasping for air and lost consciousness. As they stopped the car, Tom Garvie, Jessica's other cousin, rushed into a local business to call 911. Travis Lieu and Josh Garvie began to administer mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and other emergency procedures. While they waited for an ambulance to arrive, the boys successfully brought Jessica back to consciousness.

I am pleased to report that after a 2-day stay at Mid-Michigan Regional Medical Center in Gladwin, Jessica Doherty was released from the hospital and has resumed a normal life.

Both Travis and Josh had just learned CPR in health classes during the previous school